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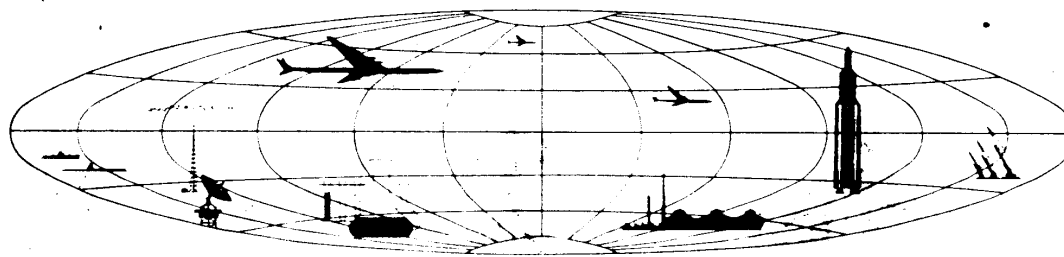
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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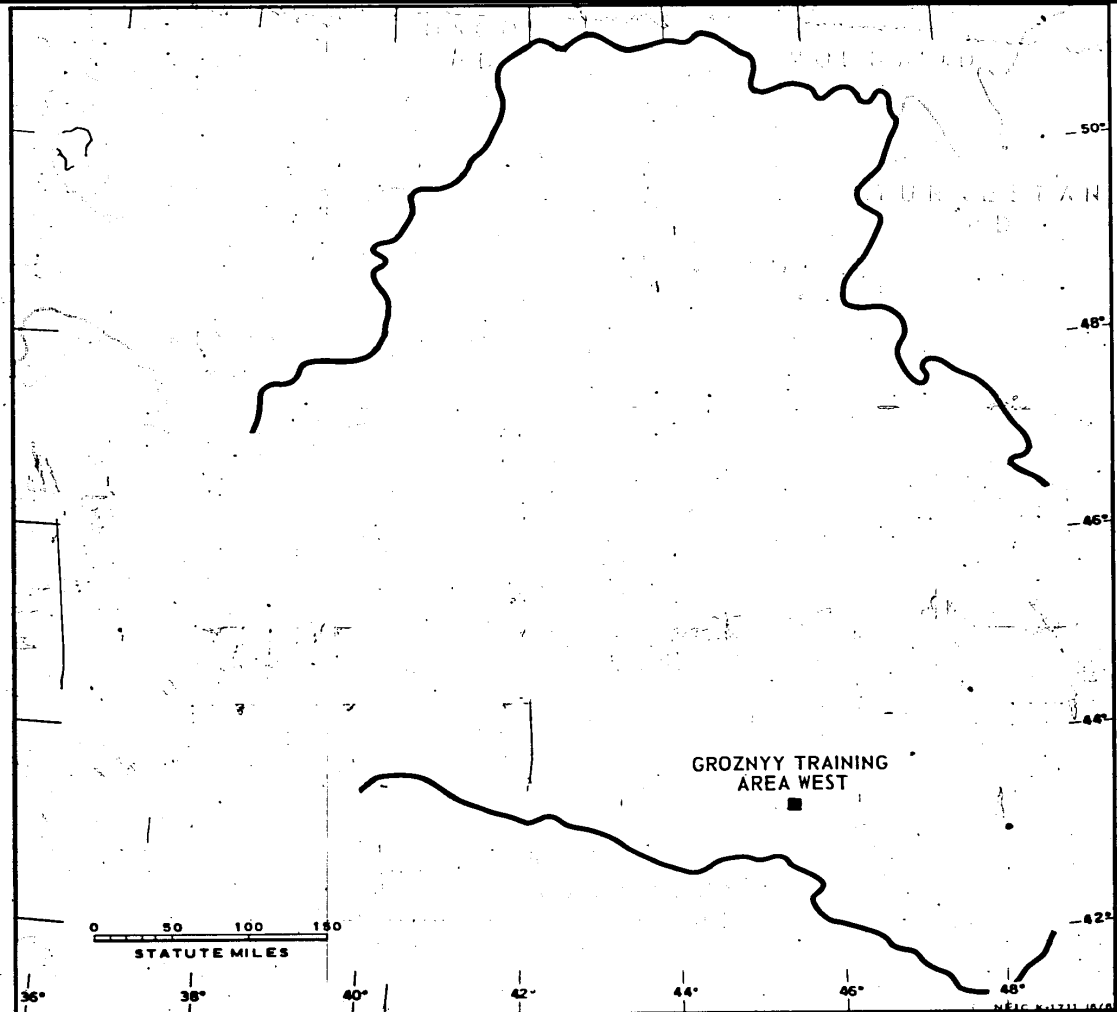
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GROZNYY TRAINING AREA WEST
(43-20N 045-28E)
GROZNYY, CHECHENO-INGUSHKAYA ASSR, USSR
NORTH CAUCASUS MD

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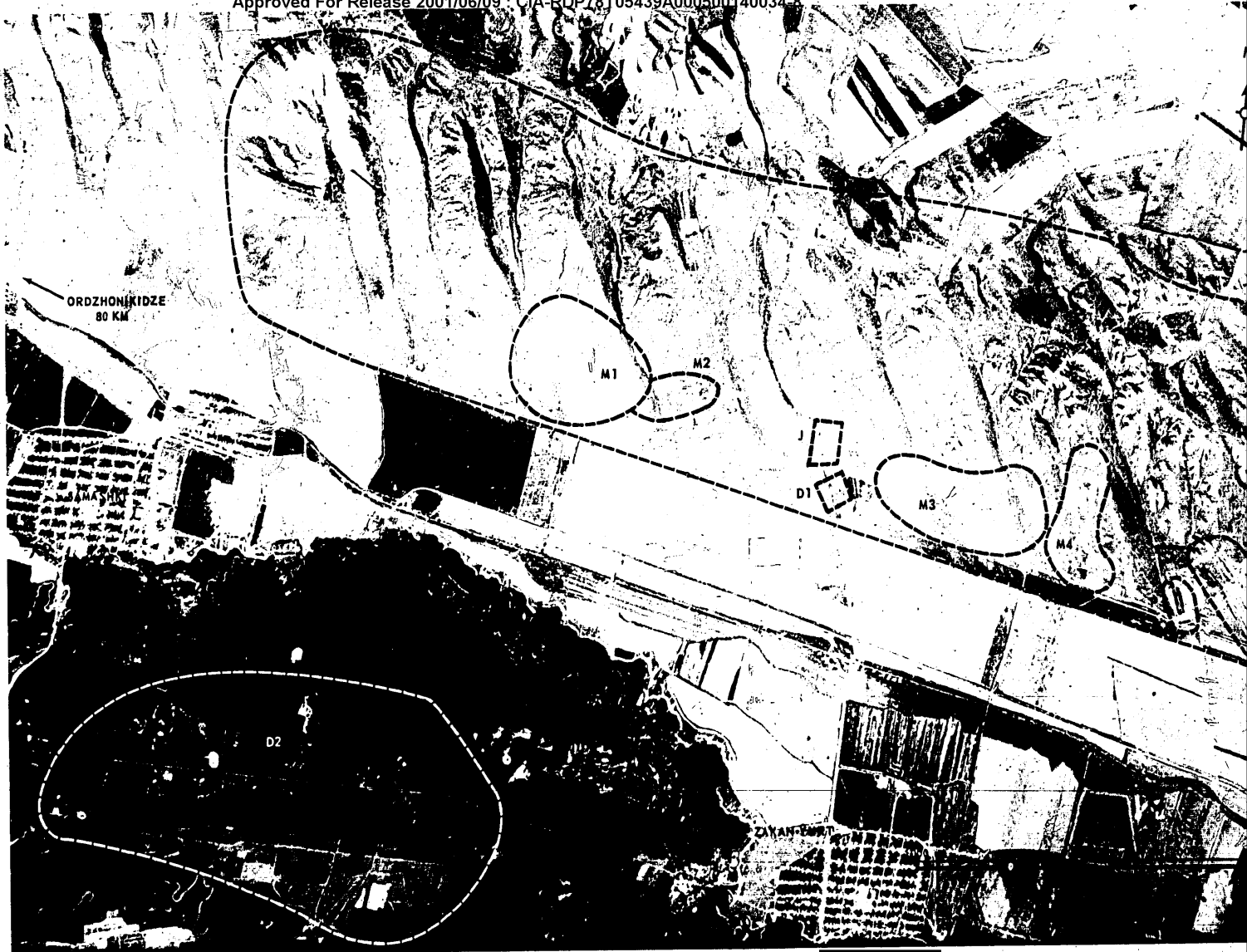


FIGURE 2. GROZNYI TRAINING AREA WEST, GROZNYI, USSR.

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SUMMARY

Groznyy Training Area West is located 16 kilometers (km) west of Groznyy and 4 km north of Zakan-Yurt and is probably used by troop units stationed in Groznyy (Figure 1). It covers approximately 40 square km and contains a tank firing range, a direct fire range, a motor vehicle storage/maintenance area, and 4 main driver-training courses. There is a re-

ported tent cantonment area between Zakan-Yurt and Samashki (Figure 2).

Between [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions covered the installation. The [REDACTED] coverage shows extensive activity which indicates that the installation is used throughout the year. [REDACTED] coverage shows a driver-training facility (Area M1) being used for the first time.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The training area is located 1.4 km north of the Groznyy-Ordzhonikidze main rail line.

Road Service

A first-class all-weather road connects the training area with Groznyy and there are numerous internal secondary roads and trails.

Aircraft Landing Strip

A major airfield is immediately east of Groznyy.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 2 multistory barracks/administration buildings (probably for range support personnel) and 4 small support buildings.

Area D2 contains a reported tent cantonment area. No signs of recent activity could be found. This area is either abandoned or receiving extremely limited use.

POL Storage Area

Groznyy is one of the major POL refining centers in the USSR. There are numerous POL tanks in the vicinity.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains a motor park 500 by 850 feet, 3 vehicle storage buildings 50 by 250 feet, and 1 vehicle maintenance building 50 by 150 feet. From 15 to 20 probable tanks were visible in the motor park in [REDACTED]

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Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 contains an irregular, closed-loop driver-training area.

Area M2 contains 2 elongated figure-8 driver-training areas.

Area M3 contains an irregular, closed-loop driver-training area with extensive trackage and ground scarring.

Area M4 contains an irregular, closed-loop

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driver-training area with characteristic obstacles.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N is a 4,000-foot tank/assault-gun firing range containing approximately four 2,500-foot lanes with 3 to 4 moving-target tracks. Range control facilities are to the rear of the firing lanes.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Range

Area P is a 1,250-foot flat-trajectory firing range. There is a distinct firing line with range control facilities and 2 short firing lanes ahead of the firing line.

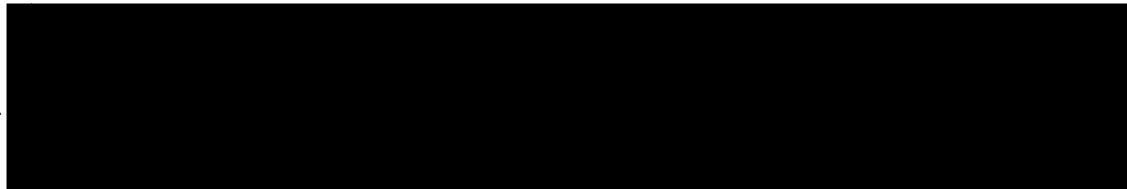
Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Although there are extensive ground scars and old revetments in the area, no artillery emplacements are specifically identifiable.

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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